

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A method for processing source information comprising the steps of:

f. parsing input source information into elements;  
~~comparing the input source information with stored source information, said stored source information corresponding to stored target information;~~  
~~identifying an element of the input source information as a source placeable element by predetermined criteria based on the content of the element according to a rule-based query; and~~

converting at least a portion of said source placeable element into a target placeable element; and

~~providing target information comprising automatically inserting said target placeable element into at least a portion of said stored target information, based on said step of comparing.~~

Claim 2 (Original) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

determining a source locale.

Claim 3 (Previously amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 2, further comprising the step of:

applying a source placeable identifier to determine a type of said source placeable element.

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Claim 4 (Original) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

determining a target locale.

Claim 5 (Previously amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

designating a type of said source placeable element;

applying a target placeable converter to convert said type of said source placeable element.

Claim 6 (Original) A method for processing source information according to claim 2, further comprising the step of:

applying said source locale to determine said element by type.

Claim 7 (Previously amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

converting said source placeable element into a language-independent format.

Claim 8 (Previously amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a proper noun;  
placing said source placeable element directly into a target output.

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Claim 9 (Previously amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a date;  
converting said date into a target information according to a target locale information.

Claim 10 (Previously amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a proper noun;  
converting said source placeable element into a language independent format.

Claim 11 (Previously amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a proper noun;  
converting said source placeable element into a meta-representation.

Claim 12 (Previously amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a date;

converting said source placeable element into a language independent format.

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Claim 13 (Previously amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

determining whether said source placeable element requires conversion.

Claims 14-15 (Cancelled)

Claim 16 (Original) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

determining output requirement for conversions.

Claim 17 (Currently amended) A computer driven language processing system for processing source information comprising:

a parser;

an element identifier, connected to an output of said parser;

a type designator, connected to an output of said element identifier; and

a placeable converter,

wherein the element identifier identifies an element as a source placeable element by predetermined criteria based on the content of the element according to a rule-based query and wherein the placeable converter converts at least a portion of said source placeable element into a target placeable element to provide target information by automatically inserting said target placeable element into at least a portion of stored target information.

Claim 18 (Currently amended) A computer driven language processing system for processing source information comprising:

a parser for parsing source information into elements;  
an element identifier identifying placeable elements by a predetermined criteria based on the content of the elements according to a rule-based query;  
a type designator for designating said placeable elements by type; and  
a placeable converter, ~~for converting at least a portion of the placeable element into a target placeable element to provide target information by automatically inserting said target placeable element into at least a portion of stored target information.~~

Claims 19-21 (Cancelled)

Claim 22 (Previously amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, wherein converting at least a portion of said source placeable

element requires a calculation for converting a source currency into a target currency, said calculation for converting is automatic.

Claim 23 (Previously amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, wherein converting at least a portion of said source placeable element requires a mathematical calculation, said mathematical calculation is automatic.

Claim 24 (Currently amended) A method for processing source information comprising the steps of:

parsing input source information into elements;

~~comparing the input source information with stored source information, said stored source information corresponding to stored target information;~~

identifying a source placeable element by predetermined criteria based on the content of the source placeable element according to a rule-based query; and

calculating at least a portion of said source placeable element into a target placeable element, and

~~providing target information comprising automatically inserting said target placeable element into at least a portion of said stored target information, based on said step of comparing.~~

Claim 25 (Currently amended) A method for processing source information comprising the steps of:

parsing input source information into elements;  
identifying an element as a source placeable element by predetermined criteria  
based on the element according to a finite state process, said finite state process  
comprising examining each character of a token to obtain a determination that the  
identified element is a source placeable element; and

 converting at least a portion of said source placeable element into a target  
placeable element.

Claim 26 (Previously added) A method for processing source information  
according to claim 25, further comprising the step of:  
determining a source locale.

Claim 27 (Previously added) A method for processing source information  
according to claim 26, further comprising the step of:  
applying a source placeable identifier to determine a type of said source placeable  
element.

Claim 28 (Previously amended) A method for processing source information  
according to claim 25, further comprising the step of:  
determining a target locale.

Claim 29 (Previously added) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, further comprising the steps of:  
designating a type of said source placeable element;  
applying a target placeable converter to convert said type of said source placeable element.

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Claim 30 (Previously added) A method for processing source information according to claim 26, further comprising the step of:  
applying said source locale to determine said element by type.

Claim 31 (Previously added) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, further comprising the step of:  
converting said source placeable element into a language-independent format.

Claim 32 (Previously added) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, further comprising the steps of:  
determining whether said source placeable element is a proper noun;  
placing said source placeable element directly into a target output.

Claim 33 (Previously added) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, further comprising the steps of:  
determining whether said source placeable element is a date;

converting said date into a target information according to a target locale information.

Claim 34 (Previously added) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a proper noun;

converting said source placeable element into a language independent format.

Claim 35 (Previously added) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a proper noun;

converting said source placeable element into a meta-representation.

Claim 36 (Previously added) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a date;

converting said source placeable element into a language independent format.

Claim 37 (Previously added) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, further comprising the step of:

determining whether said source placeable element requires conversion.

Claim 38 (Previously added) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, further comprising the step of:  
determining output requirement for conversions.

Claim 39 (Currently amended) A computer driven language processing system for processing source information comprising:

  
a parser;  
an element identifier, connected to an output of said parser;  
a type designator, connected to an output of said element identifier; and  
a placeable converter,  
wherein the element identifier identifies an element as a source placeable element by predetermined criteria based on the element according to a finite state process, said finite state process comprising examining each character of a token to obtain a determination that the element is a source placeable element.

Claim 40 (Currently amended) A computer driven language processing system for processing source information comprising:

a parser for parsing source information into elements;  
an element identifier identifying placeable elements by a predetermined criteria based on the elements according to a finite state process, said finite state process comprising examining each character of a token to obtain a determination that the elements are placeable elements;

a type designator for designating said placeable elements by type; and  
a placeable converter.

Claim 41 (Previously added) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, wherein converting at least a portion of said source placeable element includes a calculation for converting a source currency into a target currency, said calculation for converting is automatic.

Claim 42 (Previously added) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, wherein converting at least a portion of said source placeable element includes a mathematical calculation, said mathematical calculation is automatic.

Claim 43 (Currently amended) A method for processing source information comprising the steps of:

parsing input source information into elements;  
identifying a source placeable element by predetermined criteria based on the source placeable element according to a finite state process, said finite state process comprising examining each character of a token to obtain a determination that an element is a source placeable element; and  
calculating at least a portion of said source placeable element into a target placeable element.